

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2020-177-C - ORDER NO. 2020-782
DECEMBER 1, 2020

IN RE: Application of MASTEC Network Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold and Facilities-Based Local Exchange, Exchange Access Telecommunications Services, and for Local Service Offerings to be Regulated in Accordance with Procedures Authorized in Order No. 98-165, in Docket No. 97-467-C)	ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND APPROVING FLEXIBLE REGULATION
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I. INTRODUCTION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of MASTEC Network Solutions, LLC (“MASTEC” or the “Company”) requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) for authority to provide local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina.

MASTEC filed its Application pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and Section 253 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. By its Application, the Company also requests for local service offerings to be regulated in accordance with procedures authorized for New South Communications in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C and for waiver of certain Commission regulations.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

By letter dated August 6, 2020, the Clerk's Office of the Commission instructed MASTEC to publish, one time, a Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. Among other things, the Notice provided information regarding the nature of the proceeding and advised any person desiring to participate as a party of record to file a Petition to Intervene on or before September 11, 2020. The Company was required to publish the Notice on or before August 21, 2020, and provide proof of publication no later than September 11, 2020. The Company filed its Affidavit of Publication on August 25, 2020. The Notice was published in *The State*, *The Greenville News*, and *The Post and Courier*.

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") filed a Petition to Intervene on August 6, 2020. Subsequent to the intervention, MASTEC and SCTC reached a Stipulation, whereby SCTC withdrew its opposition to the Commission granting a statewide CPCN to the Company provided, *inter alia*, that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Applicant to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange service areas of South Carolina. The Stipulation is attached hereto as Order Exhibit 1.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is a party of record pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B) (Supp. 2019). On October 9, 2020, ORS filed a letter with the Commission stating that it had reviewed the Application and concluded the

Company's request for a CPCN is consistent with the public interest. ORS also informed the Commission that it did not intend to appear at the hearing in the docket.

The evidentiary hearing was held virtually on November 9, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. before Jerisha Dukes, Esquire, Hearing Examiner. MASTEC was represented via videoconference by Scott Elliott, Esquire. SCTC and ORS did not appear at the hearing.

III. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

Ricardo Suarez, President of MASTEC, appeared via videoconference and testified in support of the Company's Application. Mr. Suarez is responsible for MASTEC's day-to-day operations, excluding sales and marketing, and oversees the financial responsibility of the Company. Suarez Dir. p. 2, ll. 8-11.

MASTEC is a limited liability company formed on March 8, 2008, in the State of Florida. Appl. p. 3, ¶ 1. The Company has been authorized to operate in the State of South Carolina as a foreign corporation. Appl. Ex. B. MASTEC Network Solutions, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of MASTEC, Inc., a publicly traded company. Appl. p. 3, ¶ 1; Suarez Dir. p. 5, l. 8. MASTEC is authorized to provide its services in Florida, Oregon, Louisiana, and Washington, with pending petitions in Illinois, Alaska, and Hawaii. According to Mr. Suarez, the Company has never been denied authorization by any state or federal regulatory agency. Suarez Dir. p. 4, ll. 11-14. MASTEC has had no complaints or judgments levied against the Company. Suarez Dir. p. 4, ll. 18-19.

MASTEC seeks authority to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services by utilizing its own networks. Suarez Dir. p. 6, ll. 5-9. MASTEC anticipates provision of service via its own fiber as a carrier's carrier. Appl. p.

5. The Company will resell the facilities of existing local exchange carriers (“LECs”) or underlying carriers that presently serve South Carolina, primarily the facilities and services of AT&T. *Id.* MASTEC will also use the unbundled network elements and services purchased from AT&T and other incumbent local exchange providers, where applicable, to provide service through MASTEC’s facilities. *Id.*

Mr. Suarez offered that the Company is financially qualified to support its operations in South Carolina. Suarez Dir. p. 6, ll. 1-4. The Company submitted consolidated financial statements for the years ending December 31, 2018, and December 31, 2019. Appl. Ex. C.

Mr. Suarez also discussed MASTEC’s technical and managerial resources to provide the services for which it seeks authority. He states that the Company’s key personnel have substantial experience in various aspects of telecommunications operations. Suarez Dir. p. 5, ll. 9-21. The management team has experience in marketing, network operations, financial analysis/accounting, customer service, training, sales, regulatory, and other relevant areas. *Id.* Each member of the management team will draw upon his or her experience to ensure the Company is managed and operated efficiently and profitably. *Id.* Mr. Suarez testified the Company commits to operate in accordance with Commission rules, regulations, guidelines, and orders. Suarez Dir. p. 7, ll. 9-14 – p. 8, ll. 1-15.

The Company requests a waiver from any requirement to keep financial records in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts (“USOA”), as it currently maintains its books in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”). Suarez Dir. p. 9, ll. 1-5. The Company also requests a waiver of Regulation 103-610.

Suarez Dir. p. 9, ll. 5-10. MASTEC's books and records are maintained in Florida at the corporate facility. *Id.* Thus, according to Mr. Suarez, maintaining the Company's books and records in South Carolina would be unduly burdensome. *Id.* MASTEC's local exchange calling areas will mirror the service area of the incumbent LECs. Suarez Dir. p. 9, ll. 11-13; Appl. p. 9, ¶ 5. Therefore, the Company requests a waiver of the map-filing requirement, as required by regulation 103-612.2.3. *Id.* MASTEC does not intend to offer local residential services and herewith requests a waiver of the bond requirement. Appl. p. 5. In the event the Company provides retail residential local exchange services in South Carolina, it will comply with the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607. *Id.*

The Company requests a waiver of the requirement in Regulation 103-631 to publish local exchange directories. Suarez Dir. p. 9, ll. 10-11. MASTEC proposes to contract with incumbent LECs to include its customer list in the existing directories of the incumbent LECs. Appl. p. 8, ¶ 2. The directories will be distributed to MASTEC's customers and will be modified to include MASTEC's customer service number. *Id.* MASTEC asserts this approach will directly benefit its customers as well as the customers of the incumbent LEC since they need only refer to one directory for a universal listing of customer information. *Id.* The Company states it is more efficient and less burdensome for MASTEC to simply include its limited customer list in the existing directories of the incumbent LECs, particularly since nearly all of its customers will be customers of the incumbent LECs. *Id.*

The Company represents that approval of MASTEC's Application will introduce a telecommunications service provider committed to high quality, innovative, and

technologically advanced services that will further increase telecommunications services in South Carolina. Suarez Dir. p. 10, ll. 8-18. MASTEC's network will utilize state-of-the-art technology. *Id.* Further, the Company's offerings will increase customer choice, improve the quality and efficiency in telecommunications services, and will likely lead to the reduction of customer costs as well as stimulate development of additional services by providing competitive incentive to other providers. *Id.* Therefore, granting the CPCN is in the public interest, according to the witness. *Id.*

IV. LAW

"No telephone utility shall begin the construction or operation of any telephone utility plant or system, . . . without first obtaining from the commission a certificate that public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction or operation." S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(A) (Supp. 2019). After notice and an opportunity to be heard, the commission may grant a certificate to operate as a telephone utility and may require that the:

1. applicant show that it possesses technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services requested;
2. service to be provided will meet the service standards that the commission may adopt;
3. provision of the service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service;
4. applicant, to the extent it may be required to do so by the commission, will participate in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates; and
5. provision of the service does not otherwise adversely impact the public interest.

S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B) (Supp. 2019). In approving an Application, the Commission may provide for flexible regulation of local services as authorized for New Communications in Docket No. 1997-467-C by Order No. 1998-165 (March 5, 1998), whereby the final tariff may include a maximum rate design at levels fifteen percent (15%) above the current rates of BellSouth along with a price list reflecting the actual prices being charged. *Id.*

In exercising its authority to develop rules and regulations and fix standards to govern telephone service by telephone utilities, the Commission requires that: (1) all records required by its rules be kept within the state, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission; (2) the Commission and ORS maintain updated maps showing Commission-approved areas and/or exchange service-area(s); and (3) each utility list the name, address, and telephone numbers of all of its customers in a telephone directory that is published at regular intervals. *See* S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-600(A) (2012); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 (2012); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3 (2012); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 (2012). Further, the Commission requires telephone utilities that provide residential local exchange services and have not invested at least five million dollars in telecommunications facilities in the state to obtain a performance bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or certificate of deposit prior to beginning operations in South Carolina. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 (2012).

V. DISCUSSION

MASTEC has demonstrated that it possesses the requisite technical, financial, and managerial capabilities to operate as a competitive telecommunications provider.

Considering that the Company is authorized to provide local exchange and access service in Florida, Oregon, Louisiana, and Washington, and the Company's key management personnel have significant business and telecommunications experience, MASTEC is technically capable of operating in the state. A review of the biographies of select management reveals that these employees have acquired extensive experience in the telecommunications industry, which includes experience in marketing, network operations, financial analysis/accounting, customer service, training, sales, regulatory, and other relevant areas. Thus, MASTEC also possesses the requisite management capability. Lastly, the Company also appears to be financially capable of receiving a CPCN to provide service in South Carolina.

The Commission should also grant the Company's waivers. MASTEC maintains that keeping records in South Carolina will be unduly burdensome, as it maintains those records in Florida. The Commission may allow required records to be kept out of state. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 (2012). Provided the Company makes the records available for examination by ORS at all reasonable hours, it should be allowed to maintain those records in Florida rather than South Carolina. Further, where a telephone utility's service areas will mirror the service area of the incumbent LECs, as MASTEC represents will happen, the Commission and ORS already have access to updated maps showing approved areas. MASTEC should, therefore, be allowed an exemption from this requirement. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3 (2012). A waiver of the requirement to publish and distribute local exchange directories is also appropriate here. Nearly all of MASTEC's customers located within each exchange area will be customers of the incumbent LECs. Therefore,

it is efficient to include MASTEC's limited customer list in the existing directory of incumbent LECs. Lastly, waiver of Regulation 103-607 is appropriate here. MASTEC does not intend to offer residential local exchange services. This regulation does not currently apply.

Accordingly, the Company's Application should be approved providing for flexible regulation and granting the waivers requested. After consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence of record, the Commission hereby states its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

VI. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. MASTEC is a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida and has been authorized to do business in the State of South Carolina by the Secretary of State.

2. MASTEC seeks authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina.

3. The Commission finds that MASTEC possesses the managerial experience and technical resources to operate as a provider of local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, as described in its Application.

4. The Commission finds that the Company possesses sufficient financial resources to provide the services described in its Application and testimony.

5. The Commission finds that the services to be provided by the Company will meet the service standards of the Commission.

6. The Commission finds that the Company's provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service.

7. The Commission finds that the Company will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

8. The Commission finds that the provision of local exchange service by the Company does not otherwise adversely impact the public interest.

9. The Commission finds that the Stipulation between the SCTC and Company is in the public interest.

10. ORS did not appear at the hearing and the fact that it did not oppose granting the CPCN herein is duly noted.

11. The Commission finds the Company's requested waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 reasonable as strict compliance with the regulation potentially causes undue hardship on the Company.

12. The Commission finds that a waiver from any requirement to keep the Company's financial records in conformity with USOA and instead maintain its books in accordance with GAAP is reasonable.

13. Because the Company does not intend to provide retail residential local exchange services, the Commission also finds it appropriate and reasonable to waive S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607. In the future, should the Company offer residential local exchange services in South Carolina, we find that it shall comply with the bond requirement of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607.

14. The Commissions finds that a waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3, which requires that the Company file a map of its operating area, is reasonable. The Company seeks calling areas that will mirror the incumbent local exchange carriers.

15. The Commission finds that the requested waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631 is reasonable.

VII. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission concludes that the Company possesses the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide telecommunications services as described in its Application. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(1) (2015).

2. The Commission concludes that service to be provided by the Company will meet the service standards of the Commission. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 (B)(2).

3. The Commission concludes that the Company's provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(3) (2015).

4. The Commission concludes that the Company will, to the extent that the Company may be required to do so by the Commission, participate in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(4) (2015).

5. The Commission concludes that the provision of telecommunications services by the Company will not otherwise adversely impact the public interest. S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280(B)(5) (2015).

6. The Stipulation between the Company and SCTC should be approved.

7. The Commission concludes that a statewide Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to the Company to provide competitive local exchange telecommunications services.

8. The Commission concludes that the Company's local exchange telecommunications services, regardless of the technology employed, shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation first granted to New South Communications by Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Specifically, the Commission adopts for the Company's competitive intrastate local exchange services a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels approved by the Commission. Further, the Company's local exchange service tariff filings are presumed valid upon filing. An investigation of the tariff filing may be instituted within thirty (30) days of the tariff filing, in which case the tariff filing would be suspended pending further order of the Commission. Further, any such tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

9. The Commission concludes that the Company's request for waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 should be granted. We also grant exemption from the policies requiring the use of USOA and grant waiver of the map-filing requirement pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3 and of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 106-631 requiring publication of directories. Last, we grant waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 until such time as the Company intends to offer residential local exchange services.

10. Should the Company offer residential interexchange services in the future, the Commission adopts a rate design for the Company for its residential interexchange services which include maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. *In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc.*, Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

11. Should the Company offer residential interexchange services in the future, the Company shall not adjust its residential interexchange rates for end-users below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. The Company shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. *In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc.*, Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level for residential interexchange services reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-540 (Supp. 2016).

VIII. ORDERING PROVISIONS

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is granted to MASTEC Network Solutions, LLC to provide competitive local exchange and exchange access telecommunications services on a facilities-based or resold basis.

2. The regulatory treatment adopted for the Company's services shall conform to the requirements of this Order.

3. The Stipulation between the Company and SCTC is hereby approved and incorporated as part of this Order. Any proposal to provide competitive local telecommunications service to rural service areas, regardless of the technology employed, is subject to the terms of the Stipulation. The Stipulation is attached hereto as Order Exhibit

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4. Within thirty (30) days of this Order, the Company shall file its tariffs, if it has not already done so by the issue date of this Order, using the Commission's e-filing system. The tariffs should be electronically filed in a text searchable PDF format using the Commission's DMS System (<http://dms.psc.sc.gov>). An additional copy should be sent via email to etariff@psc.sc.gov to be included in the Commission's ETariff System (<http://etariffpsc.sc.gov>). Future revisions to the tariffs should be made using the ETariff System and shall be consistent with this Order and the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

5. The Company is required to comply with Title 23, Chapter 47, South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated, which governs the establishment and implementation

of a "Public Safety Communications Center," which is more commonly known as a "911 system" or "911 service." Services available through a 911 system include law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services. In recognition of the necessity of quality 911 services being provided to the citizens of South Carolina, the Commission hereby instructs the Company to contact the appropriate authorities regarding 911 service in the counties and cities where the Company will be operating. Contact with the appropriate 911 service authorities is to be made before providing voice or dial tone telephone service in South Carolina. By this Order and prior to providing voice or dial tone services in South Carolina, the Company shall contact the 911 Coordinator in each county, as well as the 911 Coordinator in each city where the city has its own 911 system, and shall provide information regarding the Company's operations as required by the 911 system.

6. The Company shall file annual financial information in the form of annual reports and gross receipts reports as required by the Commission. The annual report and the gross receipt report will necessitate the filing of South Carolina specific information. Therefore, the Company shall keep financial records on its South Carolina operations to comply with the annual report and gross receipts filings. The proper form for filing annual financial information can be found on the website of ORS at www.ors.sc.gov. The title of this form is "Telecommunications Company Annual Report." This form shall be utilized by the Company to file annual financial information as directed by the Commission and ORS and shall be filed no later than April 1st.

7. Commission gross receipts forms are due to be filed no later than August 31st of each year. The proper form for filing gross receipts information can be found on the website of at www.ors.sc.gov. The appropriate form is entitled "Gross Receipts Form."

8. Each telecommunications company certified in South Carolina is required to file annually with ORS the South Carolina Universal Service Fund ("USF") Contribution Worksheet, which may be found on the website of ORS at www.ors.sc.gov. This worksheet provides ORS information required to determine each telecommunications company's liability to the State USF fund. The USF worksheet is due to be filed annually no later than August 1st with the Commission and ORS.

9. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission and ORS in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours. The Company shall file the names, addresses and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The "Authorized Utility Representative Information" form can be found on the ORS website at www.ors.sc.gov. This form shall be utilized for the provision of this information to the Commission and ORS and shall be updated annually with the filing of the Company's Telecommunications Company Annual Report. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission

and ORS in writing if the representatives are replaced. If the Company changes or modifies its name, the Company shall file such changes with the Commission for approval.

10. The Company shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Commission, unless a regulation is specifically waived by the Commission.

11. The Company is granted a waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610, which requires that records required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations be maintained in South Carolina. However, the Company shall make such books and records available, at the Company's expense, to ORS, upon request. The Company shall promptly notify the Commission and ORS if the location of its books and records changes. Further, the Company is granted a waiver of the requirement to maintain its financial records in conformance with USOA. The Commission acknowledges that the Company shall maintain its financial records in conformance with GAAP. Finally, the Commission waives the requirement that the Company file a map of its service territory, as required by S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-612.2.3, and the publication of directories, as required by S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-631. Last, the Company is granted a waiver of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-607 until such time as the Company intends to offer residential local exchange services.

12. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Florence P. Belser, Vice Chairman
Public Service Commission of
South Carolina

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	Order No. 98-165, in Docket No. 97-467-C)	

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") (see attachment "A" for list of companies) and MASTEC Network Solutions, LLC ("MASTEC" or "Applicant") hereby enter into the following stipulations. As a consequence of these stipulations and conditions, SCTC does not oppose MASTEC's Application. SCTC and Applicant stipulate and agree as follows:

1. SCTC does not oppose the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Applicant, provided the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") makes the necessary findings to justify granting of such a certificate, and provided the conditions contained within this stipulation are met.

2. Applicant stipulates and agrees that any Certificate which may be granted will authorize Applicant to provide service only to customers located in non-rural local exchange company ("LEC") service areas of South Carolina, except as provided herein.

3. Applicant stipulates that it is not asking the Commission to make a finding at this time regarding whether competition is in the public interest for rural areas.

4. Applicant stipulates and agrees that it will not provide any local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, unless and until Applicant provides such rural incumbent LEC and the Commission with written notice of its

intent to do so at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the intended service. During such notice period, the rural incumbent LEC will have the opportunity to petition the Commission to exercise all rights afforded it under Federal and State law. Also, Applicant acknowledges that the Commission may suspend the intended date for service in rural LEC territory for ninety (90) days while the Commission conducts any proceeding incident to the Petition or upon the Commission's own Motion, provided that the Commission can further suspend the implementation date upon showing of good cause.

5. Applicant stipulates and agrees that, if Applicant gives notice that it intends to serve a customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, and either (a) the Commission receives a Petition from the rural incumbent LEC to exercise its rights under Federal or State law within such 30-day period, or (b) the Commission institutes a proceeding of its own, then Applicant will not provide service to any customer located within the service area in question without prior and further Commission approval.

6. Applicant acknowledges that any right which it may have or acquire to serve a rural telephone company service area in South Carolina is subject to the conditions contained herein, and to any future policies, procedures, and guidelines relevant to such proposed service which the Commission may implement, so long as such policies, procedures, and guidelines do not conflict with Federal or State law.

7. The parties stipulate and agree that all rights under Federal and State law are reserved to the rural incumbent LECs and Applicant, and this Stipulation in no way suspends or adversely affects such rights, including any exemptions, suspensions, or modifications to which they may be entitled.

8. Applicant agrees to abide by all State and Federal laws and to participate, to the extent it may be required to do so by the Commission, in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. Applicant hereby amends its application and its prefiled testimony in this docket to the extent necessary to conform with this Stipulation.

AGREED AND STIPULATED to this 26th day of August 2020.


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ATTACHMENT A

South Carolina Telephone Coalition Member Companies
for Purposes of Local Service Stipulation

Chesnee Telephone Company
Chester Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista
Comporium, Inc. (f/k/a Rock Hill Telephone Company)
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ft. Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium
Home Telephone ILEC, LLC d/b/a Home Telecom
Lancaster Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium
Lockhart Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista
McClellanville Telephone Company (TDS)
Norway Telephone Company (TDS)
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PBT Telecom, d/b/a Comporium
Ridgeway Telephone Company, d/b/a TruVista
St. Stephen Telephone Company (TDS)
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Williston Telephone Company (TDS)